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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Enforcing the due Execution of the Act, Intituled, *An Act for Eſtabliſhing a General Poſt-Office for all Her Majeſty's Dominions, and for Settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majeſty's Occaſions.*

ANNE R.

WHereas by an *Act of Parliament made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, Intituled,* An Act for Eſtabliſhing a General Poſt-Office for all Her Majeſty's Dominions, and for Settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majeſty's Occaſions, *it is Enacted, That from and after the firſt Day of this Inſtant* June, *there be one General Letter-Office and Poſt-Office eſtabliſhed in the City of* London, *from whence all Letters and Packets may be with ſpeed and expedition ſent into any part of the Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *or to* North-America, *the* Weſt Indies, *or to any other of our Dominions or Territories, or to any other Kingdom or Country beyond the Seas; at which ſaid Office all Returns and Anſwers may be received. And that one Maſter of the ſaid General Letter-Office and Poſt-Office ſhall be appointed by us, under our Great Seal of* Great Britain, *by the Name and Stile of our Poſtmaſter General: And that no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, in any part of our Kingdoms of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *or other our Plantations or Colonies in the* Weſt-Indies *and* America, *other than our Poſtmaſter General for the time being, and his Deputies, Servants and Aſſigns, ſhall preſume to Receive, Take up, Order, Diſpatch, Convey, Carry, Recarry, or Deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, other than to and from any Town or Place to or from the next Poſt-Road or Stage appointed for that purpoſe, above ſix Miles from a General Office; and other than and except ſuch Letters as ſhall reſpectively concern Goods ſent by Common known Carriers of Goods, by Carts, Waggons, or Pack-Horſes, and which ſhall be reſpectively delivered with the Goods ſuch Letters do concern, without Hire or Reward, or other Profit or Advantage for Receiving or Delivering ſuch Letters; and except Letters of Merchants and Maſters, Owners of any Ships, Barks or Veſſels of Merchandize, or any the Cargo or Lading therein, ſent on Board ſuch Ships, Barks or Veſſels of Merchandize, whereof ſuch Merchants or Maſters are Owners, and delivered by any Maſters of any ſuch Ships, Barks or Veſſels of Merchandize, or by any other Perſon employed by them for the Carriage of ſuch Letters according to their reſpective Directions, ſo as ſuch Letters be delivered to the reſpective Perſons to whom they ſhall be directed, without Paying or Receiving any Hire or Reward, Advantage or Profit for the ſame in any wiſe; and except Commiſſions or the Returns thereof, Affidavits, Writs, Proceſs or Proceeding, or Returns thereof, iſſuing out of any Court; and alſo any Letter or Letters to be ſent by any private Friend or Friends in their way of Journey or Travel, or by any Meſſenger or Meſſengers ſent on purpoſe, for or concerning the private Affair of any Perſon or Perſons; or make any Collection of Letters, or ſet up or employ any Foot-Poſt, Horſe-Poſt, or Packet-Boat, or other Veſſel or Boat, or other Perſon or Perſons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatſoever, for the Receiving, Taking up, Ordering, Diſpatching, Conveying, Carrying, Recarrying, or Delivering any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or by Land, or on any River within our Dominions, or by means whereof any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, ſhall be Collected, Received, Taken up, Ordered, Diſpatched, Conveyed, Carried, Recarried, or Delivered by Sea or Land, or on any River within our Dominions (other than as before excepted;) or ſhall preſume to keep, provide or maintain Horſes or Furniture, for the Horſing of any Perſon or Perſons Riding Poſt, (that is to ſay) Riding ſeveral Stages upon a Poſt-Road, and changing Horſes, or ſhall Lett to Hire, or furniſh any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, with Horſes or Furniture for Riding Poſt as aforeſaid, on any of the Poſt Roads or Stages now or hereafter to be appointed, with or without a Guide or Horn, for Hire or Reward, or on any Agreement or Promiſe of Reward, or whereby he or they may have any Profit or Advantage, on pain of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of* Britiſh *Money for every ſeveral Offence againſt the Tenor of the ſaid Act, and alſo of the Sum of One hundred Pounds of like* Britiſh *Money for every Week that any Offender againſt the ſame Act ſhall Collect, Receive, Take up, Order, Diſpatch, Convey, Carry, Recarry or Deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within our Dominions (other than as before excepted;) or that ſhall preſume to ſet up, continue, or employ any Foot-Poſt, Horſe-Poſt, or Packet-Boat or other Veſſel or Boat, or any other Perſon or Perſons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatſoever, for the Receiving, Taking up, Ordering, Diſpatching, Conveying, Carrying, Recarrying, or Delivering of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within our Dominions as aforeſaid; which ſaid Penalties and Forfeitures are to be Sued for, and Recovered in ſuch Courts, and to be received and divided in ſuch manner, and for ſuch Uſes, as in the ſaid Act is for that purpoſe mentioned, together with full Coſts of Suit. But it is by the ſaid Act proviaed, That if the Poſtmaſter doth not, or cannot furniſh any Perſon riding in Poſt, with ſufficient Horſes within one half Hour after Demand, then ſuch Perſon is at Liberty to provide himſelf as he can to the next Stage, and ſo at every Stage where he ſhall not be furniſhed as aforeſaid; and the Perſon who ſhall furniſh ſuch Horſes ſhall not therefore be liable to any Penalty by reaſon thereof. And by a Proviſo contained in the ſaid Act, it is declared, That nothing in the Exception above-mentioned contained, ſhall be conſtrued to extend to give any Licence or Authority to any Common known Carriers of Goods by Carts, Waggons or Pack-Horſes, their Servants or Agents, to Receive, Collect or Deliver, with or without Hire, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters whatſoever, that do not concern Goods in their Carts, Waggons, or on their Pack-Horſes; nor to any Owners or Drivers of Stage-Coaches; nor to any Maſters, Owners or Commanders of Boats called Paſſage-Boats, ſailing between any part of* Great Britain *or* Ireland, *and any Parts or Places beyond the Seas, or their Servants or Agents; nor to any Paſſenger or Paſſengers on Board ſuch Boats or Veſſels; nor to the Owners, or Watermen on Board of any Boat, Barge or Veſſel, paſſing or repaſſing on any River or Rivers, to and from any parts of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, North America, *or the* Weſt Indies, *or other our Dominions or Territories although ſuch Drivers of Stage Coaches, Owners, Maſters or Commanders of Boats called Paſſage-Boats, or Paſſengers therein, Owners or Watermen on Board of any ſuch Boat, Barge or Veſſel, paſſing or repaſſing on any ſuch River or Rivers, as aforeſaid, do not receive any Hire or Reward, or other Advantage for the ſame; but that all ſuch Carriers, Owners and Drivers of Stage-Coaches, Owners, Maſters or Commanders of Paſſage-Boats, and the Paſſengers therein, and all Owners and Watermen on Board of any Boat, Barge or Veſſel, paſſing or repaſſing on any River or Rivers, to or from any the Parts and Places aforeſaid, Collecting and Delivering Letters as aforeſaid, though without Hire or Reward, ſhall be deemed and taken, and are thereby declared to be Perſons offending againſt the ſaid Act, and to forfeit and pay ſuch Sum and Sums of Mony, as Perſons Collecting, Receiving, Taking up, Conveying and Delivering of Letters for Hire, or Setting up, Employing and Maintaining any Poſts contrary to the ſaid Act, or that are or ſhall be concerned therein, are therein, as is herein before-mentioned, enacted to Forfeit and Pay. And by another Proviſo in the ſaid Act it is declared, That nothing in the ſaid Act contained, ſhould extend to give Licence to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to make Collection of Letters in or near the City of* London, *or Suburbs thereof, under pretence of Conveying the ſame to any part or place in the ſaid City or Suburbs, or to the General Poſt-Office of the ſaid City, without the Licence and Leave of the Poſtmaſter-General for the time being; and that any Perſon or Perſons acting contrary thereunto, ſhould forfeit and pay as Perſons Collecting, Receiving, Carrying, Recarrying and Delivering Letters contrary to the ſaid Act, are thereby Enacted to Forfeit and Pay, and to be recovered as aforeſaid, with full Coſts of Suit. And by the ſaid Act it is further Enacted, That all Letters and Packets, that by any Maſter of any Ship or Veſſel, or any of his Company, or any Paſſengers therein, ſhall or may be brought to any Port Town, or which ſhall arrive or touch at any Port belonging to any Port-Town within any of our Dominions, or any the Members thereof, or which ſhall be on Board any Ship or Veſſel that ſhall or doth touch or ſtay at any ſuch Port-Town, (other than ſuch Letters as are before excepted) ſhall by ſuch Maſter, Paſſenger or other Perſon or Perſons, be forthwith delivered to the Deputy or Deputies only of ſuch Poſtmaſter General for the time being, by him appointed for ſuch Place or Port-Town, and to be by ſuch Deputy or Deputies ſent Poſt unto the ſaid General Poſt-Office, to be delivered according to the ſeveral and reſpective Directions of the ſame, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of Britiſh Mony for every ſeveral Offence againſt the Tenor of the ſaid Act, to be recovered in manner aforeſaid, with full Coſts of Suit. And for the Encouragement of all ſuch Maſters of Ships or Veſſels, or ſuch other Perſons on their Arrival at ſuch Ports as aforeſaid, from any parts beyond the Seas, to deliver unto the Deputy or Deputies of ſuch Poſtmaſter General for ſuch Place or Port Town at which they ſhall ſo touch or arrive, all ſuch Letters and Packets as they ſhall reſpectively have on Board ſuch Veſſel or Veſſels, every ſuch Maſter or other Perſon, for every Letter or Packet of Letters he or they ſhall ſo deliver unto ſuch Deputy or Deputies, ſhall receive the Sum of One Penny of ſuch Deputy or Deputies, he or they ſigning ſuch Certificate as in the ſaid Act is mentioned. And we being willing and deſirous that our good Subjects ſhould have early and ſufficient Notice of the Penalties and Forfeitures before mentioned, to the end they may avoid incurring the ſame, and that the Revenue granted by the ſaid Act may be duly anſwered to us, and all Frauds in prejudice of the ſame prevented, have thought fit, and do by this our Royal Proclamation (by and with the Advice of our Privy Council) notifie and declare to all our Loving Subjects the Purport and Tenor of the ſaid ſeveral parts of the ſaid Act, hereby requiring and commanding all Perſons concerned to conform themſelves to the ſaid Act.*

Given at our Court at *Kenſington*, the Twenty third Day of *June*, 1711. In the Tenth Year of our Reign.

God ſave the QUEEN.

Copenhagen,